

i urge you to not loosen the current restrictions on cross ownership of media outlets. we will eventually have one or two giant media companies owning all of the tv station, radio stations, and newspapers. clear channel is a prime example now. they own 1200 radio stations and many of the small niche stations have been forced out of business by them. in the louisville market they own several stations and everything sounds alike. i now listen only to public radio because of this. this cross over ownership also provides for no diversity of political opinion. clear channel and the dixie chicks is a good example. clear channel leases public airways and refuses to play the dixie chicks because of a difference in political opinion. it seems to me that if you are leasing public airways you must accomodate divergent opinions. the only opinions on clear channel stations here provide the viewpoints of rush limbaughs and his copy cats playing to the views of angry white men. please do something to ensure the opinions of all rather than the opinions of one.